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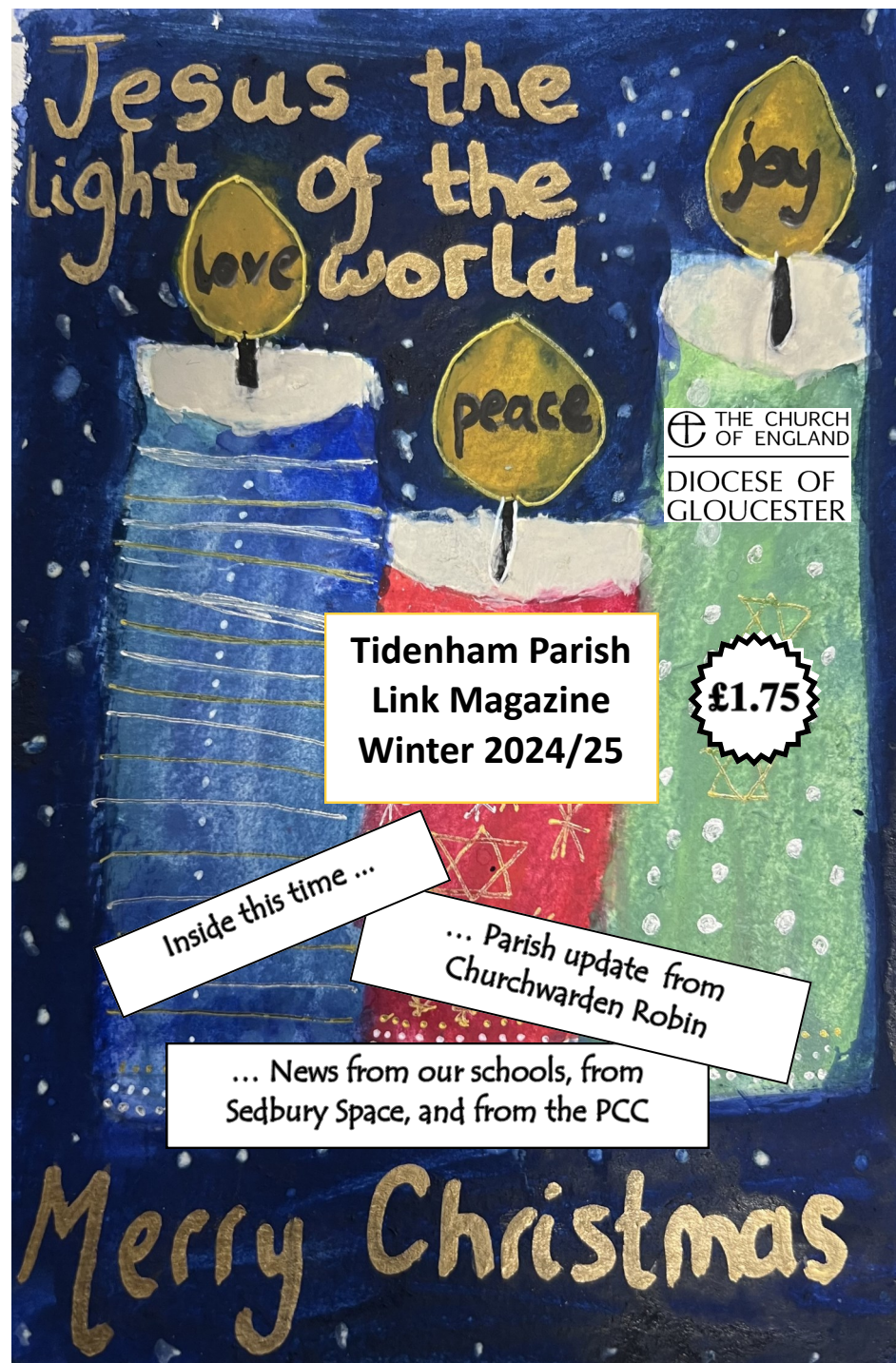


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Letter from the Editor Winter Greetings to everyone and welcome to our Link magazine

I hope that everyone is keeping warm & well.

You may well wonder what PTO stands for in our list of people and contact telephone numbers on page 2 ...

- Here it stands for **PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE** in our times of worship
- So in this case **NOT: Paid Time Off; Professional Triathlete Organisation; Patent and Trademark Office; Please Turn Over; Power Take Off; Personal Time Off...**

Inside this month:

- Churchwarden Robin Riordan gives us a Parish up-date (pages 4-5)
- Sedbury Space welcomes their new manager (pages 8-9)

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➤ PCC Highlights:
 we're urgently looking
 for a PCC Secretary
 (page 32-33)

See what you can
 discover here and enjoy
 our magazine,

Love from **Tanya**



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Parish update



Robin Riordan
Churchwarden



Prof Brian Duerden
CBE
Churchwarden

Things are very busy now in the absence of our Vicar, as the Churchwardens, PCC, Ministry Team and volunteers lead our operations, reordering in Tidenham, and worship between them.

We are working between Tidenham, St. Briavels and Hewelsfield Parishes on our joint statement of vision, direction, needs, wants, challenges and benefits, known as the "Three Parishes Profile".

The statement focuses on a shared identity, whilst highlighting the unique qualities and requirements of each Parish within this. It will be used to help attract the best candidate we can. Our editorial board meets regularly to work on this document.

The joint PCCs and Ministry Team have been very keen to consult with parishioners through an online and paper questionnaire. The responses will inform the content of the Profile, a completed draft of which will be available at a Tidenham Parish open day on Saturday 30th November in the newly re-ordered North Aisle of St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. This will be your chance to drop in to review the document and chat to PCC members about it.

The Archdeacon will sign off the final version by Friday 20th December and advertisements for the role will run in the Church Times in January



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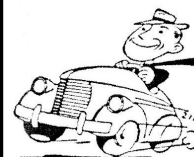


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and February. Interviews will take place early March (the panel will comprise a Bishop, the Archdeacon and five PCC members (three from Tidenham and one each from St. Briavels and Hewelsfield.)

Some parishioners will also get a chance to meet with interviewees around their interview times at, for example, visits to our Churches, School and over lunch.

We expect the new incumbent to arrive late summer, after serving any notice in their current role and taking summer holidays.

Please continue to pray for our Parishes and for the best candidate to join us next year to lead us into a bright future. Here is our special prayer for the vacancy:



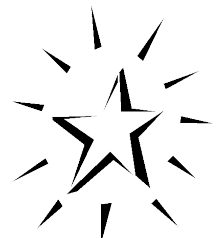
"Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels and Hewelsfield, as we serve you together in this period without a Priest in Charge.

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for us and that these plans are good. We ask you now that You will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover Your way for the future and see Your Kingdom grow.

*All this we ask in the strength of the Holy Trinity.
Amen."*

Robin Riordan
Churchwarden





New Church Electoral Roll Spring 2025

Background

Every six years each Parish of the Church of England has to compile a new electoral roll and as the existing roll was compiled in 2019, we have to create a brand new electoral roll in 2025!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who does this apply to?

A: Everyone!

Q: But my name is already on the electoral roll for public elections!

A: The church electoral roll is totally separate and is used to enable you to vote at our Annual Church Meeting and to hold certain positions such as *sidesperson*, or to be part of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), which is responsible for local church affairs.

Q: So who can apply to go on the new roll?

A: Under the Church Representation Rules you are entitled to have your name entered on the roll, if you:

- (i) **are baptised and aged 16 or over; and**
- (ii) **have signed a form of application for enrolment; and either**
- iii) are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment;**

Or

- (iv) **are members in good standing of a Church** (not in communion with the Church of England) **which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity** declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.



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A: You do not have to supply this information. We are asking for this information in order to make communications more efficient. This information will be kept securely by the Church Electoral Roll Officer for Tidenham Parish and not disclosed to third parties outside the church. It will not appear on the public version of the electoral roll which will be posted on the notice board of each church in the parish on 22 April 2025, which contains only your name.

Q: I am unwilling to give those details to you, but can I still be on the church electoral roll and vote at the Annual Church Meeting?

A: Yes, the provision of your phone number and / or email address is entirely voluntary and does not affect your entitlement to be on the Church Electoral Roll or vote at the Annual Church Meeting.

Q. Who do I contact to get an application form, or if I need more information?

A. If you need more information, or have any questions about the church electoral roll, you can contact Iain Gardiner, the Church Electoral Roll Officer for Tidenham Parish on 01291 624868, or by email iain706gardiner@btinternet.com

Application forms will be available at all three of our churches from Sunday 23rd February 2025. They must be completed and returned to Iain by Tuesday 15th April 2025.



Q. What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar?

A. He got 25 days!



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SEDBURY SPACE News

Good news!!



**Samantha Hopper
is the new Sedbury Space Manager.**

The Trustees at Sedbury Space are delighted to introduce Samantha Hopper to you as our newly recruited Centre Manager for Sedbury Space. Samantha has been in post since 23rd September 2024.

Samantha grew up in Sedbury and went to Offa's Mead and Wydean schools and worked locally until she moved to Birmingham aged 30. She returned home to Sedbury with her now 12 year old son to give him a safe childhood just as she had enjoyed living in a caring community. She is very much looking forward to meeting all the valued volunteers and groups within Sedbury space and being part of its successful growth. Please give her a warm welcome.

> Our regular One stop Café continues to thrive at Sedbury and Beachley Village hall, weekly on Tuesday 10 am to 12 and a warm welcome is always available.

> One Stop Café is regularly supported by our Wellbeing Chaplain, Nicki Bullivant & Melanie Benn the FVAF Community Builder. In addition, we also have frequent visits from Forest Sensory Services, Digibus, Gloucestershire Carers Hub.

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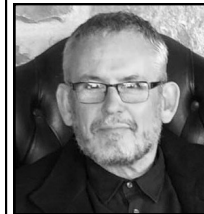
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Sedbury Space Snippet

From Lee Durbin

At Sedbury Space there has been a time of
“Holding the Fort”.

The fort needed to be held until our new manager
Samantha Hooper was appointed and was able to
start.

The phrase “Holding the Fort” always reminds me of the Alamo with
Davie Crockett (John Wayne) and Jim Bowie (Richard Widmark).
Classic bank holiday fun back in the day.

Our band of hero volunteers was lead by Susan Riordan, Carol Austen
and Carol Clammer.

A bit different in our case, the cavalry has arrived (thanks Sam) and no
one died, thank goodness.

Makes me wonder if these guys had been at the Alamo if there might
have been a much happier ending .



NEWS FLASH!

Bullet Point News

✝ Thinking about Baptism/Christening or a Wedding in church?

It has been lovely to have people getting in touch once again about getting their baby christened or perhaps having a wedding in church. Many congratulations if you're at this stage of life!

Please do get in touch with Revd Nicki Bullivant or one of the team.

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For baptisms/christenings visit <https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/>

✝ Is God calling you?

All of us reflect on the purpose of our lives at some point. Part of this reflection can lead us to having a sense of being called to do something particular in or with our lives. May the Holy Spirit lead you to respond to what the Lord may require of you. Please do not hesitate to speak with someone at church about this. It is quite normal and remember, God can use any of us he chooses!

✝ Illness

We would like to remind parishioners (church and non-church folks) that they should not hesitate to contact us in the event of illness and hospitalisation. If nothing else, vital prayers can be offered for those in need.

✝ Churchyards

Our churchyards are very special spaces for remembering departed loved ones. Therefore out of respect for **all** mourners please remember that grave-areas **should conform** to the churchyard regulations. This allows for peaceful use and trouble-free maintenance throughout the churchyard. The Parochial Church Council kindly asks that no extraneous additions (stones, plastic flowers, ornaments and statuary, plants, trees, vases, kerb-edging, etc.) are placed in or around graves. **The planting of trees is a particular issue which may cause damage to other graves and prevent a grave space being reopened in the future.** Thank you.

✝ Legacy

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Fact
Gatherings...

Answers to Coffee Quiz on page

1. Brazil
2. Goats
3. 60%
4. 24,000
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1 Corinthians 12

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.....

³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Love Is Indispensable
 And yet I will show you the most excellent way.



Tanya's Link
Winter Prize Challenge

Seasonally in this Winter Link we are collecting these words from

"WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT"

FEAR NOT, as there are 38 words to find and once you have completed this, gather the remaining letters in order to spell out the answer to the puzzle, please send this to me: Tanya White, at Rockymead, Coleford Road, Tutshill, NP16 7BU, e-mail: tanya.rockymead@gmail.com to be in with a chance winning the prize!

ADDRESSED	GROUND	PRAISING
ANGEL	HEAVEN	SAVIOUR
BABE	HIGH	SEATED
BANDS	HUMAN	SHEPHERDS
BORN	JOYFUL	SHINING
CHRIST	LAI	SIGN
DAY	LINE	SONG
FEAR	LORD	SWADDLING
FLOCKS	MANGER	THRONG
GLAD	MANKIND	TIDINGS
GLORY	MIGHTY	VIEW
GOD	NIGHT	WATCHED
GOODWILL	PEACE	



Can you imagine living like this?

Transforming Christian communities through sustainable energy Nigeria, like many African countries, is rich in sunlight.

Thanks to the generosity of Barnabas Aid supporters, many Christian villages and communities are being empowered through solar panels to harness the power of Nigeria's abundant sunlight.

"We would never be able to buy these solar panels to get the light we need in the church. Even if we saved for 20 years," continued Pastor Raymond as he marvelled at the Barnabas-funded solar panels installed on his church building. They now have light and power to sustain their congregation.



A team installing Barnabas-funded solar panels in a Christian village in Plateau State



Boreholes will provide clean and safe water for Christian villages in Ghana

> Can you imagine not having a safe and reliable supply of drinking water for you or your family?

This is the reality for many of our brothers and sisters in most rural communities in Ghana. Millions of people here are without access to clean water. An estimated three-quarters of households in this West African country are at risk of drinking

water that has been contaminated with animal waste due to humans and animals drinking from the same stagnant water source.

"A cup of cold water" Barnabas Aid project partners have developed plans to drill boreholes and supply clean and safe water in 24 Christian villages in northern Ghana. Some of these are among the most impoverished and deprived communities in the northern parts of the country.

The Lord Jesus said that anyone who gives "even a cup of cold water" to one of His children will be blessed (Matthew 10:42).



Christian News

Our Faith in Today's World



Pastor Raymond conveys his thanks to Barnabas supporters for their gifts which have funded the installation of solar panels in the church, giving his Christian village in Plateau State, Nigeria access to electricity

> “The church has sadly never got any electricity or light to work. We can’t have our Bible studies,” said Pastor Raymond. His church is in a remote area in Plateau State, Nigeria.

For many isolated Christian villages in Nigeria, this is their reality. Many communities don’t have access to electricity, and don’t even have power lines nearby. Others depend on petrol generators – assuming they can afford the fuel to run them for more than an hour or two every few weeks.

Communication with anyone outside their village is almost impossible, as people can’t charge their phones. The

only way they can charge them is to collect up their devices and send someone to travel to the nearest village with a petrol generator. Should an Islamist attack happen or if someone falls ill, they have no means of calling for help.

Like Pastor Raymond’s church, many congregations cannot hold evening services. Children aren’t able to do their schoolwork without light. Even the most basic of tasks are tough, if not impossible, when night falls.

Those who can afford to do so buy candles or fuel for kerosene lanterns, but these can result in fires that damage property or even claim lives.



In our Autumn Wordsearch we were seeing what our **COOKING** plans and requirements may be to provide for our **CELEBRATIONS!**

There were 37 words to locate.

I received some incorrect answers but also quite a few correct answers, well done for having a go as this certainly encourages me to keep on setting the Word Search puzzles.

The correct answer last time was: **“HARVEST FESTIVAL”**

The winner, this time, was Catherine Weller of Sedbury. **Well done!**



Folk Club Christmas Bring & Share

St Luke's
Church
Saturday

30th November 2024

6 - 8.30pm

(doors open 5.30pm)

Coffee & Tea will be provided.

But please bring along any
further Refreshments to share...

Contact Bill & Tanya White
(01291 623169)



10th Anniversary Folk Club

St Luke's Church

Saturday

15th February 2025

6 - 8.30pm

(doors open 5.30pm)

See contact details above

Please bring Refreshments
to
share...



Here we are complete with
Wyedean Gospel Choir in
2015



NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT

I finally finished as Community Wellbeing Agent/Village Agent at the end of September 2024.

Just to say thank you to all the smashing people who've helped me over the last 16 years – I started January 2008 as a Village Agent.

All good things must come to an end, so this is the end of the 'Agent' service, as well as a farewell for a number of my colleagues amongst the Social Prescribers, in The Forest of Dean.

It's been a hugely enjoyable and rewarding 16 years, a few challenges along the way, but such a joy to meet such a wonderful range of people. I've had tremendous support from my colleagues at GRCC, particularly the other Village Agents, and more recently my colleagues in the Forest of Dean, especially the Social Prescribers and the backup staff, and The Community Builders.

I think locally there's so many more things in place now, in our communities, that people do have more support and places to meet and gain friends, that I feel I'm leaving a better place locally than when I started.

I'll still see lots of you around.

Richard
Skinner,
exiting
Community
Wellbeing
Agent



Cartoon by
Dom White



tidenham historical group



Evening meetings from September to April are held monthly on the last Tuesday at 7.30 in Sedbury Village Hall, King Alfred's Road, Sedbury NP16 7AQ. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Liz on 01291 621694, Carol on 01291 623736, or e-mail tidenhamhistorygroup@gmail.com

We all wish you a Happy & Peaceful New Year

2025 JANUARY TO APRIL EVENING MEETINGS

28th January 2025
7.30pm

Members' social and photo night. Enjoy some nibbles and drinks while we show and talk about pictures sent in by members or already available.*

25th February
7.30pm

"The Newport Transporter Bridge. Its history & restoration" Jeff Grosvenor

25th March
7.30pm

"Hill Forts and track ways of the lower Wye Valley" Simon Maddison & Dick Finch.

29th April
7.30pm

"Food Glorious (Gloucestershire) Food!" John Putley, (who was our guide on our Archive visit). This tasty presentation explores the various local recipes found in the county Archives and looks at the foods – some nice, some not – that have been cooked in Gloucestershire.

**To make a success of the January evening, members and visitors are encouraged to hunt out old photos of people, places and events in the local area. Nobody ever seems to believe that their pictures are important, but they really are.*

Please either scan them yourselves and send jpegs to richard.clammer@outlook.com or alternatively ring on the phone number above to arrange to bring them round and we will scan them on the spot. Failing that, bring the originals to the meeting.

We can then share a selection at the social evening.



Children, Youth and Families' Missioner - Emma Durbin

Tutshill & Sedbury Baby and Toddler groups continue to thrive.

Last month Mr. Henderson ran a short Paediatric First aid course for the parents which was very well received. In fact, two days after the course, one of the toddlers swallowed a one pound coin but thank God, his mum knew exactly what to do to dislodge it. Oh the joys of little fingers putting everything into their little mouths!!!!

It was fantastic to see a full Church with so many uniformed Children on Remembrance Sunday.

Five of our Young people head off to Viney Hill for a Church Youth weekend away with myself and Eve (our brand new intern Youth Leader) AND for some reason (Ho Ho Ho) it's going to be a very busy 6 weeks with Offa's Mead, Tutshill School and Dean Close School all holding their Christmas services in St. Luke's, not forgetting our Christingle services.

We'll also be holding Christmas parties for our toddler groups, Splash children and Young people, not forgetting our special Nativity service on the 8th December to which ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

It's going to be a busy time but also a wonderful opportunity to have fun and share about God's Amazing love.

And lastly, I'd like to use this opportunity to thank all of you who support Tidenham Parish Churches by praying, by giving financially and by giving of your time. All of the above wonderful things could not happen without you.

May you know God's joy and love this Christmas!!!!
Contact me by email...emmad.cyfm@gmail.com





News from our Parish Schools



Tutshill School – 01291 622593

St Martin's Lantern Walk

A large number of families from Tutshill School and the local community joined together to walk around the village to commemorate St Martin's Day. The children in Reception, Year One and Year Two learned about how St Martin showed compassion to a homeless man by sharing his cloak. The children then made lanterns which were used to light the streets of Tutshill during the recent walk. Thank you to Claudia, Matilda's mum, for teaching the children about



St Martin and inspiring us to get involved and for also organising the walk around the village. Thanks also go to the local police and Rob for ensuring the safety of all who took part.



Wyedean

School and Sixth Form Centre
Aspire together, achieve together
adfecere pariter, perfecere pariter

Wyedean School – 01291 636180

Recently, the Year 7's students embarked on an exciting adventure

day at Viney Hill outdoor adventure centre. The day was filled with various activities designed to challenge and engage them, including climbing, tunneling, and team-building exercises.

Throughout the day, the students demonstrated remarkable resilience and teamwork, learning to navigate through unfamiliar terrain and solve problems collaboratively. They also honed their communication and leadership skills, as each activity required them to strategize and support one another.



CHASE GARDENING CLUB

There are no formal meetings of the Club during the summer months but the new season of afternoon talks began in September with a well illustrated and informative talk by Alun & Jill Whitehead from

Leominster. They took us on a circular tour of Wales "From the Valleys to the Mountains and the Sea" via well known gardens at Powis Castle, Erddig and Aberglasney and others off the beaten track like Tony Ridler's Swansea garden hidden behind unassuming metal gates, Gelli Uchaf up a single track road and The Pant and The Chain near Abergavenny.



Powis Castle

The AGM followed and the present committee were re-elected with the bonus of two new members, Molly Mayo and Stella Caws – we hope they won't regret it!

In October we had a return visit from Rob Evans of Pheasant Acre Nursery near Bridgend. He has talked to us on dahlias but this time his subject was spring bulbs, his other passion. We were treated to an excellent lecture on the many varieties available and the best way to plant and nurture them, including a demonstration of "lasagne" pot planting which he generously donated to the raffle. Sadly there could be only one winner who was eyed with envy!

The November speaker is Nathalie Mignotte and her topic is "Seasonal Colour in the Garden" and in December (please note on the second Friday not the usual third) we will hold our Christmas Social including a talk on "Winter Scent in the Garden" plus a quiz, grand raffle and the usual shared "bring a plate" feast. Mulled wine and soft drinks will be supplied by the Club.

Meetings are held at Chase School, Rosemary Lane on the third Friday of the month at 2.30pm.

All are welcome. For further information, please contact Bob Elliott on 01291 625659 or Bill Kerr on 01291 621100.



Chase WI

September brought most of our members back from our summer break to enjoy a talk on WI dolls by Claire Salmon. Claire had been WI a member for many years and explained how her hobby of making dolls, dressed beautifully in the uniform of WI land army, is now her main occupation. She delighted us with her talk and brought kits and gifts that she makes for our members to purchase.



Chase WI does not meet in August but a good number of our members met for lunch at the Anchor in Tintern which was enjoyed by all.

Our WI quiz team attended the quarter final in September in Gloucester but sadly were not successful in reaching the semi-finals this year. The questions this year were very obscure and the winning team scored less than 80 with our team scoring 69 out of 100. The evening was a success despite their loss.

Several of our members join the Gloucestershire Federation walks each month visiting various WIs around Gloucestershire, this consists of a lovely walk meeting up with other WI members followed by lunch hosted by the local WI.

October, being Halloween our speaker, Nick Bunger regaled us with talks of ghosts, mysterious happenings in Gloucestershire and some slight of hand magic tricks.

November will be our AGM and we plan for a member's night with a bring and buy stall to help raise funds. Several of our members are planning to hold a craft stall in Chepstow on the 29th November when the Christmas lights will be turned on.

In our Craft club held each month we are designing and making our entry for the Christmas tree to be held in Tidenham church on the 15th December and craft items for our stall in November. December will be our Christmas lunch which is at the Abbey Mill in Tintern.

Our meetings are held at Tidenham School hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2.15pm, new members are very welcome.



In September 2024, we welcomed Mr. Tom Rainer as the new Head of Dean Close St John's School. In addition to working in the school daily, he is eager to connect with parents and local residents, actively

Dean Close St John's School
01291 622045



engaging with the community from hosting Open Mornings to attending Chepstow Market with a stall. Mr. Rainer aims to strengthen the school's involvement in local activities.

Our U13 girls' hockey team showcased their exceptional skills at the IAPS Regional Tournament in Oxford, earning a well-deserved place at the National Championships, which will take place at the end of November. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and wish them the best of luck!



The Friends of St John's continue to do a fantastic job supporting the school. Following a survey on cycling habits, they successfully raised funds to build a new bike rack, encouraging more local children to cycle to school.



12th November 2024 was a **Parents Workshop** when they could:

- > Sees how Offa's Mead teach phonics reading and writing in school
- > Learn strategies to support their child's reading development at home

21st November 2024 was a **Sparkle Spectacular**

Offa's Mead - 01291 622932

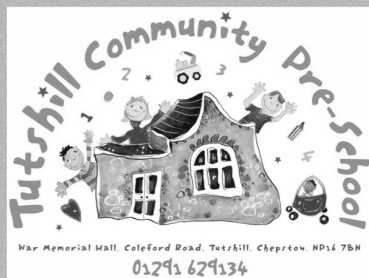


We are having a fantastic autumn term so far...



At Tutshill Community Pre-School we are inspired by nature, so we have enjoyed returning to our nature school sessions in the school forest area, as well as collecting leaves, conkers and seeds to play with.

We are a child led setting and always follow the children's ideas. We can't wait to see what they'd like to learn about next!



We have had fun playing outside in our mud kitchen, cooking autumnal food, like soup and apple crumble and exploring pumpkins! We've even been growing our own vegetables! We've welcomed new friends and been so kind.



TUTSHILL W.I.

Since our summer break, we have been a tad self-indulgent.

Our September meeting saw us gathered for a taster 'sound bath' session with Faye Bradbury of Sacred Sounds

Alchemy – most interesting (and one member reports her previously dodgy shoulder is noticeably improved), while in October members visited Float in the Forest flotation centre near Lydney for a guided tour and explanation of what that entails – sounds very relaxing indeed (and excellent cake was provided with welcoming cuppas). At time of writing, we are looking forward to our November AGM and Christmas 'Hurrah' Dinner (this year to be at Café on the Hill), to be followed in December by a presentation by Caerwent Craft Chocolate. Then, slightly back to earth in January, when Dorothy Cook will speak on 'Tales of a Midwife'.

On a more serious note, two of our members, Cathy and Helen, travelled to London on 3 November to take part in the March for Clean Water. The WI first called for action on clean water in 1927 and have since been proactively working with industry and decision makers to remove microplastics in our waste water, using citizen scientists in testing local water, lobbying MPs and persistently applying for bathing water status around the country to ensure regular testing. The general message from everyone for Government was to hold people to account and use the existing regulations to take action against those wantonly, knowingly, polluting our water in pursuit of profit. Cathy reported that she and Helen both enjoyed their first ever protest march, saying they were 'glad to be able to stand up for our local river and the WI campaign'.

Our meetings are usually, though not always, on the third Monday of the month, 8.00pm in Tutshill Memorial Hall; but may take place elsewhere depending on the speaker/topic of the evening. You would be welcome to come for a try-out to see whether you would like to join us. If you would like to know more about our activities, take a look at our Facebook page, or contact our Secretary, Pat Cannon: secretarytutshillwi@gmail.com / 07795 424694.

Do look out for the Advent Calendar appearing on the bus shelter in December – Merry Christmas, Everybody!



Guide Dog Puppies in our Parish



We are excited to report that our first Chepstow raised Guide Dog Puppy will soon qualify as a 'Life Changer'. Hunter has completed his initial training and is in the process of being matched and trained with his prospective Guide Dog Owner. Over the coming weeks they will work together to form a strong working partnership equipped with all the specialist skills that will be needed for Hunter to thrive and to enable his new 'best friend' to tackle daily tasks with increased confidence and independence.

This good news is a huge encouragement to all our local Puppy Raisers, and I hope to all of you who support Guide Dogs. People often say to us "I couldn't do what you're doing. How can you give them back?" and the truth is that we love the puppies as though they were our own, and are really sad when they go, but we are also so proud to think that our pup will one day be wearing the iconic white harness and transforming someone's life in a way no human could.

There are comings and goings for our other local pups too.

- Rowan has now moved to Cheddar and has begun his formal training with new friends Nisha and Esther, his 'training pack'.
- Ronnie has recently enjoyed many adventures on ferry, bus and train and will soon go into training in Cardiff.
- Bertie has moved to a different area but continues his journey to become a Life Changer.
- Umber is waiting to hear if he has what it takes to be a Guide Dog Dad.
- Mason and Diesel are growing and learning fast. Every day brings new training opportunities as well as lots of fun.
- Diffy is now an honorary Chepstow pup as he has been enjoying making new friends here while his Puppy Raisers are away visiting family overseas.

Update from Miri Keen



Chepstow Choral Society

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: GRAHAM BULL

CCS is affiliated to Ty Cerdd & Making Music Wales & Making Music – The National Federation of Music Societies: (Registered Charity no. 112798)

www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

at CHEPSTOW LEISURE CENTRE ARTS HALL

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024

7.00pm

A mix of sacred and secular items –much-loved carols, seasonal readings, and popular Christmas choral music, sacred and secular, and including the choruses from Handel's "Messiah" Part 1.

Light refreshments including glass of wine/soft drinks and mince pies will be included at the conclusion of the concert.

Tickets £10 (u/18s, students free) are available from Chepstow Bookshop, choir members - visit our website for further information.

www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk

CHRISTMAS MUSIC WITH YOUR LOCAL CHORAL SOCIETY

CONCERT DATES 2025

SATURDAY 29th MARCH 2025, ST MARY'S PRIORY CHURCH, CHEPSTOW – a Spring Concert with Professional Orchestra, including a wonderful work by John Rutter of a comprehensive set of folk songs (Sprig of Thyme) with instrumental accompaniment

Marjorie Duerden/ 01291 623310



The Parish Lunch ...

Thursday, 5th December 2024

Thursday, 2nd January 2025

Thursday, 6th February 2025

Parish Lunch, 12.15pm

Woodcroft Centre

For info and lifts
phone
George or Beryl
on 01291 625551



Our informal 15th Birthday was held in early November attended by 40 guests.

The day also included the 93rd Birthday of a very loved member of the Woodcroft community: Alwyn who was for many years landlady of the Rising Sun, at a time when a pint of Scrumpy cost just 70p.

A raffle for funds for the African school supported by Kate joint leader at the Christian Centre. £194 pounds being raised.

The Christmas Lunch is now fully booked by our regulars, who are to be treated to a free meal.

Old and New guests will be most welcome to join with us for lunch in January and beyond.

The cost will remain at just £4 during 2025.



Happy Birthday Fairtrade

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade mark, the Chepstow Fairtrade Forum had displays in the windows of the Town Arch, Chepstow Library, Oxfam store and Toytastik.



The 'Chepstow Supports Fairtrade' flag flew from the flagpole of the Arch for the whole fortnight. The main event of the celebrations were to hang Fairtrade bananas in some of the trees in Chepstow town centre and in Bulwark.

Julia, Cate, Tanya, Tudor



Coffee Quiz

1. Which Country produces the most coffee beans?

Brazil	Indonesia
Ethiopia	Columbia

2. According to legend, the energizing effects of coffee were first noted when an Ethiopian farmer saw which of his animals getting very lively after nibbling on some wild coffee cherries?

Chickens	Horses
Goats	Bison

3. How much of the land currently used for coffee is expected to be unusable by 2050 due to climate change?

10%	30%
60%	90%

4. Approximately, how many coffee shops are there in the UK today?

6,000	14,000
20,000	24,000

5. Where in the world did the first coffee shop open?

Paris	Milan
Nicosia	Istanbul

6. How much of their Fairtrade Premium payments do Fairtrade farmers invest in improving the quality of their coffee?

5%	15%
25%	100%

7. Almost all of the coffee sold around the world comes from just two bean types: Robusta and Arabica, but which has the most caffeine?

Robusta	Arabica
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8. The Espresso machine - and so espresso coffee - was invented in which country in the late 19th century?

USA	Italy
UK	Turkey

If you would like to know more see the full quiz and answers at:
<https://www.fairtrade.org>

Watch a short video of a coffee farmer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVLQmtCTb9Q>





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Change your mindset on money this New Year

Money can significantly affect the way we feel, especially when there isn't enough of it. It can make us feel stressed, defeated, anxious and fearful, amongst many other emotions. Understanding the power that money has over our mood is the first step to reclaiming control. Read on for five ways to change your mindset on money, so that you can enjoy a more positive 2025.

Build a budget

We all have so many things to pay for in our everyday lives. With a mix of bills, food, treats, subscriptions and unexpected costs, managing money can feel overwhelming at times. Building a budget can help you see your financial situation more clearly, meaning you'll be able to make decisions about where to cut costs and feel more in control. There are lots of free budgeting resources and tips available online, including at capuk.org/budgeting

Talk to others

Struggling with money can be an extremely isolating experience. This can become a vicious cycle, as we're less likely to seek help and

support when we feel alone. By sharing our worries and experiences with another person, we start to take back control and lessen the burden that we've been carrying alone. You might also find that others are facing similar challenges, meaning you can both share your experiences and tools for managing the situation. If you'd rather speak to someone impartial, you might find it useful to contact an organisation such as **Samaritans (call 116123)** or **SHOUT (text 85258)**.

Set goals

Having a goal to work towards can make us feel more positive. Even a small amount of progress bit-by-bit gives us something to celebrate and feel proud of. Choose an aim that's realistic, such as saving up to go out for a meal or buying a new pair of shoes, and remember to set a new goal once you've smashed it!

Have fun for free

There are tons of free and cheap activities and days out available in communities across the UK. Find out what events are going on at your local church, and keep an eye on capuk.org/blog where you can find useful tips and tricks throughout the year.



St Luke's Coffee Morning

This will be held 10.00-12.00

Christmas Coffee morning
Monday 25 November 2024



We meet on the last Monday of each month except Bank Holiday Mondays:

Monday 27 January 2025

Monday 24 February 2025

Monday 31 March 2025



Welcome FREE coffee/tea,
cake and biscuits

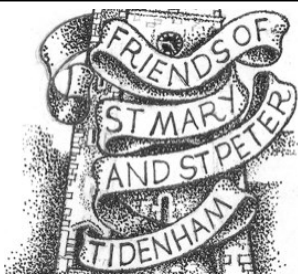
*But to help us pay for Hire of the Hall
& support the Wellbeing Chaplain any
donations are gratefully received*

Contact Polly paulinemorgan23@gmail.com or
Revd Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



Found in other churches' notices:

"All singles are invited to join
us Friday at 7 p.m.
for the annual
Christmas Sing-along."



ST MARY & ST PETER'S TIDENHAM

Good progress has been made on the Tidenham re-ordering. The West end is nearly complete with the Utility cupboard/store room complete, the kitchenette complete, the disabled loo in but not yet connected at the other end!



Bifold doors hiding the kitchenette and then opened



Utility cupboard Store cupboard Toilet and its door to the aisle

The East end now has the 1858 window in a lightbox and it looks stunning. Now that is in place the oak paneling can be put in and the doors hung and the robing room cupboard completed. We are planning on finishing everything by the end of November.



Instant noodles, sweets, coffee, cookies
Canned food Warm underwear for military Socks, tee-shirt's
Toys, stuffed animals for kids
Hygiene for men (things for shaving etc)
Hygiene general Wet wipes Diapers of all sizes
Baby food (not in a glass) Pet food Generators

Whatever you will bring will be great!

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Best regards and hugs from HUC team

The girls and boys there are really friendly and all volunteers, they mostly speak half-way reasonable English, and are nearly all Ukrainian with a few Poles as well. The warehouse is a bit old fashioned, heated by a fire made of old pallet wood, but it does the job ok. All the donations are organised into separate bays, medical, food, bedding, clothes etc etc. Then, when the call comes in they can send specifically what is needed to any particular village or area. It's a pretty good system really.

I know Ukraine isn't in the news as much as it used to be, but the need is still there, Russia is still attacking, schools are still getting burnt out, houses bombed, and people made homeless, so with winter approaching try to imagine what it must be like on or near the front line, no electric, little shelter, most of the wood used up last winter, not much in the way of food, never sure when the Russians might breakthrough and ransack your village....

If you could buy a small box of aspirin or paracetamol with every grocery shop, if you could buy a tin of corned beef, some chocolate, some dry dog food, some thermal underwear, or if you have a bit more perhaps a solar charger for a mobile phone, or even a generator, you can be sure that such a blessing will be very much appreciated at the other end.

Lots of love in Christ

Mike and Mandy

"Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:11



Hí Ho, Hí Ho...

Its off to Ukraine we go! The trip in February 2024 doesn't seem so long ago really, but we need to start getting organised again already. Booking the van, booking the overnight stops, getting the ferry ticket, organising where to store the stuff meanwhile, fundraising,

advertising, redoing the website, redoing the

facebook page, talking to the girls and boys at "Help Ukraine" in Chelm, getting an up-to-date list of what they want, and making a start on contacting people who might be able to help. Phew!

Thanks to those who came along to the Stuart Townend Concert on 9th November. We raised about £350 on the night which is a pretty good start!

I'm really looking forward to it all. A psychiatrist would probably say I'm the type that "needs to be needed", but I never feel more alive than when I'm busy helping others. However, I'll be 71 at Christmas so I need to be conscious that I'm not as young as I once was. Eric Lidell, the Scottish Olympic runner said that when he ran he could feel God's pleasure, and I think it's a bit like that with me.

Last time, we took it in turns to drive, with the other one acting as DJ on Spotify, I found out quite a lot about my wife's taste in music, not all of it to her credit! (Mmm....Bay City Rollers?) We laughed a lot, saw a lot, got tired a lot, talked a lot, marvelled at the sights a lot – its great seeing a bit more of God's wonderful world!

So...what do we need from you dear reader? Well, obviously money donations are really great, but also, if you want to buy stuff yourself and give it to us that is great as well, so here is a message from Chelm and an up-to-date list of things they specifically have asked for

Hello Mandy!

What a GREAT news! We are happy to see you next year! The list we have on a web site is still relevant:



1858 window



Disabled ramp



Vestry taking shape

Outside we are putting in a soak-away, a septic tank with its soak-away having swapped land with Tidenham Manor which will leave a nice grass sitting out area.



Rainwater soak-away works

The news on the purchase of the Church Cottage barn, to become the Tony James Church Rooms, is that the language for the transfer is agreed we are just waiting for the lawyers to complete their work. Hopefully it will be ours soon.



Evergreens are an ancient tradition. The iconic Christmas tree has a lot of roots (forgive the pun). Ancient Egyptians used to mark the winter solstice by decorating their homes with green palms, while the Romans celebrated Saturnalia with evergreen boughs. These green plants signified that the spring would return with new life. The first Christmas trees as we know them today started in Germany in the 16th century.



You can thank Prince Albert for your Christmas tree. Christmas trees have German roots, but they really took off in popularity thanks to Queen Victoria and her husband, German Prince Consort Albert. In 1848 they were sketched standing in front of their tree with their children by the *Illustrated London News*, which quickly made Christmas trees fashionable.

Fact Gatherings...

Gifts have both Christian and Pagan origins. For Christians, gift giving at Christmas mimics the presents the Wise Men gave to Jesus and the charitable giving of the ancient St. Nicholas (the forerunner to Santa!). However, winter gift giving also has its roots in Saturnalia, a pagan holiday where they gave offerings to the gods.



PCC Members considered:

- Harvest Celebrations planned in September and enjoyed in October
- Our Little Larder supports requirements in our Parish
- Tidenham Tower works approved and in process
- Christmas Cards designed by St John's on the Hill decided upon and to be distributed, not using Royal Mail this year
- Discussed Youthwork within our Parish and employing someone to assist in this important work
- Focused on Financial shortfall and the need for everyone to consider their appropriate giving.
- Fees agreed for Funerals set out by Gloucestershire Funerals, Weddings and Church Hire



Life Groups

Parish Life Group Meetings meeting most weeks

Please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- **Monday** 2-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space
Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk
- **Tuesday** 1.00pm Life Group - Julia Parsons, venue varies -
juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- **Wednesday** 10.15am Food for Thought Life Group
@ Café on the Hill
- **Wednesday** 7.30pm Life Group - Fiona and/or Wendy
fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- **Wednesday** 7.30pm Life Group Emma emmad.cyfm@gmail.com
- **Thursday** 1.30pm Life Group - Tanya White at Rockymead
tanya.rockymead@gmail.com
- Contact Emma Durbin for details of meetings for the young people.
emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

Please do speak to someone in church if you are unsure about any of the above groups.



Highlights from PCC meetings in September, October & November 2024

From PCC members -

➤ **We are urgently seeking a volunteer to be our new PCC Secretary, as the position is vacant.**

- This is a key role ensuring the PCC runs effectively and efficiently whilst complying with its legal and statutory duties. The person filling the role does not need to be a PCC member, but this is a key leadership role in Tidenham Parish.
- It should only take 40 hours of effort per year on an ad hoc basis and is a fulfilling way of supporting our PCC and parishioners in delivering our parish vision of 'Living Life Together in the Flow of God's Love', and growing His Kingdom in this beautiful part of the world.

The role comprises:

- PCC Secretariat (producing the agendas for PCC meetings, recording and signing off the minutes with the PCC and following up on actions with those taking the actions).
- External correspondence on behalf of the PCC, e.g. annual return to the Charity Commission.
- Compiling the Trustees' Annual Report.
- Completing annual returns online: Return of Statistics and Mission', 'Return of energy footprint', 'Return of Parish Officers'.
- Church electoral roll officer, maintaining an up-to-date church electoral roll.
- Preparing papers before and after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and recording minutes.
- **If you are being 'called' and interested, please contact Robin or Brian who can provide more details.**

Continued....



Actual children's versions of Christmas Carols:

"...sleep in heavenly peas";

"Joy to the world, the Saviour rains";

"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plane";

"While shepherds washed their socks by night."



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From the Registers Holy Matrimony

Jessica HENSON
&

Gavin SHAW

Saturday, 26th October
at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham



Holy Baptism

Cari Madeline ROGERS

Sunday, 2nd September 2024
St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham

Freya Arwen Hull NEWELL

20th October 2024
St Mary & St Peter's Church, Tidenham

BELL RINGING

With the commencement of Works on the tower at St Mary and St Peter, Tidenham bells are out of action until further notice, probably until the end of January.

All is not lost, however! We are hoping to be able to practise as normal on Tuesday evenings (7.30–9.00 pm) down in St Mary's Priory church in Chepstow.

Please check with Cate Phillips (07596 185918) if you are planning to come along.

And, of course, there is always the option of ringing at Alvington on Monday evenings, or Lydney on Thursdays.

Best Wishes for A Happy Christmas to One and All!



News from Heather Johnstone Church Mission Society

Location: Tanzania

What I do: Helping to empower the most disadvantaged women and children in Mara through the Rehema Project

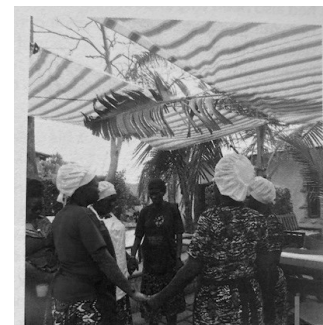
Tumshukuru Mungu! Praise the Lord! My work and residence permits have been approved for a further two-year period. The authorities have indicated that this is my final grant. The decision can however be appealed six months before the expiry date, so I already have an action point in my diary for 23 December 2026.

Recently we had the privilege of catering for the VIPs attending two big diocesan events. Firstly, in June, Mothers' Union in Mara diocese hosted 1,300 delegates from the dioceses of Mara, Rorya and Tarime. The conference was a time of vibrant fellowship and encouragement among the Mothers' Unions in these dioceses.

Rehema Café was tasked with catering for approximately 100 VIP guests, and the team worked tirelessly over three days to prepare delicious food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, catering for the bishops, their wives, the Mothers' Union leadership team, as well as special guests, including a member of parliament and her entourage. Most of the Rehema team slept at work as transport was difficult – they had to get up at 3am to prepare for breakfast and often didn't finish until around midnight, which made for an exhausting day.

The second big event, in July, was a fundraiser (harambee) to contribute to the purchase of a car for the Diocese of Mara. The deputy minister of constitution and law, Hon. Jumanne Abdallah Sagini, attended along with his entourage as well as many esteemed guests from the Diocese of Mara. The team managed to comfortably cater for the more than 100 guests and served them efficiently and cheerfully.

Praise/prayer point: Give thanks that the Rehema team performed so brilliantly as evidenced by the many satisfied delegates, and the praise received from the diocesan management team for a job well done at these successful events.



The Rehema team praying together before catering service



Scripture union highlight that 95% of children and young people are not in church. The General Synod Paper 'Children and Youth Ministries' (2020) highlights the reduction in under 16s attending church on Sundays.

Our mission is to go as Jesus commanded to the lost and hurting and demonstrate God's love, to pray for and take opportunities to demonstrate the love and share the good news of Jesus with young people.

- Our Clubs in Bream for children aged 7-11 and 11-16 years provide the opportunity to give young people time, be a positive role model, get to know them over a game of pool, craft or other activities and have fun.
- Our mentoring programme supports those who are struggling and hurting for a range of reasons. Our mentors simply get along side a young person and through fun activities and conversation bring about positive change in the lives of young people.



- Our inter-church church youth activities bring together young people from different churches to fellowship have fun and be encouraged in their faith journey. We organise social activities, residentials and trips to summer camps.

How can you be involved?

- **Pray:** Join us at our fortnightly prayer meeting here in Bream or sign up to receive our newsletters
- **Volunteer:** Urgently needed for **Connect Youth Club**, our **Mentoring Programme** and our board of **Trustees**.
- **Give financially:** Help us to continue this important mission to young people by supporting the work financially.

For more information: Ruth Julius - 07738422831 / rjulius@breatheyouth.org.uk

www.breatheyouth.org.uk



From the Registers

Funerals & Burials

Jane Eleanor THOMAS (78)

22nd August 2024

Ashes at St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Reg CADE

25th August 2024

With family at home

Valerie Kathleen SMITH (78)

28th August 2024

Langstone Crematorium

Doreen Gladys POWELL-TUCK (103)

4th September 2024

St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Patricia Rose MANSON (93)

16th September 2024

Burial of Ashes at St Luke's Tutshill

Michael Steven WOODHOUSE (76)

23rd September 2024

Burial of Ashes at St Luke's Tutshill

Robert Alan PRETTY JOHNS (68)

11th October 2024

Burial at St Michael All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Edith Mary Hayward & Kenneth Victor HAYWARD

31st October 2024

Burial of Ashes at St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Further register entries will appear in Spring 2025 edition of the Link



LOTS OF WONDERFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Sunday, 1st December

9.-00am Holy Communion Tidenham
11.00am Morning Worship Tutshill
4.00pm Advent Carol service Chase

Sunday, 8th December

9.00am Holy Communion Tidenham
11.00am Family Nativity Tutshill
4.00pm Advent Reflection Tutshill

Sunday, 15th December

9.00am Holy Communion Tidenham
11.00am Holy Communion Tutshill
3.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols Tidenham

Sunday, 22nd December

9.00am Holy Communion Tidenham
11.00am Holy Communion Tutshill

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, 24^h December

4.00pm Crib Service Tutshill
11.15pm Midnight Mass Tidenham

Christmas Day

Wednesday, 25th December

9.00am BCP Holy Communion Chase
10am Christmas Morning Worship Tutshill
(No Holy Communion)

Sunday, 29th December

10.30am Simple Communion with carols Tutshill

Sunday, 5th January 2025

4.00pm Epiphany Carol Service - Chase

Sunday, 2nd February 2025

11.00am Christingle Family Worship at Tutshill



Friends of St Mary and St Peter's Tidenham

Christmas Tree Festival

This year our theme is Fairy Tales

**Set-up days between 9.00pm and 12.00 noon on
Friday, 13 DECEMBER and
Saturday, 14 DECEMBER**



**The Festival launch will take
place during the Carol Service
on Sunday, 15th December at
3pm**

**Tree viewing sessions between
2pm - 4pm :**

**Friday 20 December
Saturday 21 December
Monday 23 December
Friday 27 December
Saturday 28 December
Monday 30 December**



**Tree collection day:
Saturday, 4 January between
9.00 – 12.00**

*As always, thank you very much for agreeing to
decorate a tree.*

